

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Original) A clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory in which a holder provided at one end of a chain portion of the accessory is engaged with a holder receiver provided at the other end of the chain portion to be interlocked with each other, wherein

the holder and the holder receiver are respectively provided as attracting members with magnets attracting each other or with a magnet and a metal material attracted by the magnet at positions capable of guiding the holder and the holder receiver to a proper engaging location.

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7. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1, wherein the accessory is a necklace, a bracelet or an anklet.

8. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1, wherein the chain portion is a member formed from a chain, a string,

a belt, yarn or a comparatively small number of stick-shaped bodies unfixedly connected.

9. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 8, wherein the chain portion is formed from metal, an inorganic material selected from silicic materials including at least precious stone, a vegetable material, or a resin material.

10. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1, wherein the holder and the holder receiver form a mechanism that engagement of the holder and the holder receiver enables interlock of the clamping tool to be achieved while releasing the engagement allows the clamping tool to be released.

11. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 1, wherein the holder is a spring-close type alligator clip in which a pair of jaw members is rotatably held so as to be able to be opened and closed and the holder receiver is an interlocking member fitted in between the pair of opening jaw members to be interlocked.

12. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 11, wherein the alligator clip is a nonintersecting alligator clip having the pair of jaw members rotatably held substantially in parallel.

13. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 11, wherein the alligator clip is an intersecting alligator clip having the pair of jaw members rotatably held so as to intersect.

14. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 11, wherein one attracting member is provided in the alligator clip and the other attracting member is provided at a tip of the interlocking member.

15. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 11, wherein an attracting member provided in the alligator clip is fixed to any one of the pair of jaw members or a holding member for holding the attracting member is held on a holding shaft for rotatably holding the pair of jaw members.

16. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 11, wherein an attracting member provided in the alligator clip or a

holding member for holding the attracting member is connected to the pair of jaw members by means of a linking arm to form a link mechanism in which the attracting member operates to project from an opening in opening the pair of jaw members.

17. (New) The clamping tool of chain ends of an accessory according to Claim 16, wherein the linking arm of the link mechanism is a spring for closing the alligator clip.